MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): സർ, ഒരു പായിൻറ ആഫ് ആർഡർ. പ്രസിഡൻറ എന്തെങ്കിലും ഒരു റൂളിംഗ് കൊടുത്തതിനശേഷം ഒരു അഫീഷ്യൽ മെംബർ, പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും ലീഗൽ റിമംബ്രൻസർ അതിനെപ്പററി ഒരു പായിൻറ ആഫ് ആർഡർ..... ...

PRESIDENT: The Legal Remembrancer is perfectly in order and the point of order now raised is out of order. The President does not consider himself infallible. He is here to give rulings on a construction of certain rules and statutes. If, by oversight or by carelessness, the President has not bestowed his attention to a particular matter, and any other honourable member, not only the Legal Remembrancer but any other honourable member, brings the matter to the notice of the President, the President is not going to stand on his dignity and say, "because I have given a wrong ruling, I am not going to revise it." I hold I have given a wrong ruling this morning when I said that the adjournment motion will be taken up this afternoon and therefore I hold that there is nothing derogatory either to me or to this honourable House in my saying that I was wrong in fixing the adjournment motion for to-day and that it will be taken up to-morrow afternoon at 3-30.

VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND V—TRAVANCORE UNIVERSITY—(*contd.*)

Motion No. 229—(*contd.*)

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: As I was saying, Sir, the admission in the Science College has to be restricted owing to the exigencies of laboratory accommodation and when seats are limited we have to follow some procedure in selecting candidates for admission. Before the Colleges came under the University, Government on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction had passed certain rules with regard to the admission in these colleges. They decided that those who had made more than three attempts to pass the Intermediate examination should not be admitted to the B.A. course and that those who had made more than three attempts to pass the E. S. L. C. examination should not be admitted to the college. Even though their certificates might declare them eligible for admission to the college, certain marks have been prescribed as the minimum even in regard to such students. So, when the University took over these colleges, they followed the same rules in the matter of admission. My friend Mr. Kunju Panickar raised the point that after we had declared a person eligible and given him a certificate to that effect, he should not be refused admission to the college. Sir, admission has to be refused because on the one hand the number of persons to be admitted is limited to 132, for instance, in Group I, Junior Intermediate. Similarly in regard to other classes. When we get applications far in excess of

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the number of seats avilable, we have to follow certain rules for selecting the people. Therefore we have to look at the marks in the certificates and say for instance that those who have got 40 and above in English will be preferred to those who have got the bare minimum. Admissions are regulated on the one hand by the exigencies of laboratory appliances and accommodation and on the other by rules regarding admission. In our correspondence with the Government of India we had stated that we had no desire to attract students from other universities by lowering our standards. We have told them that our object is to maintain high standards. In doing so, the University will be doing a national service. Sir, in your capacity as the Vice-Chancellor of the University and as Dewan, you have several times deplored the tragic waste involved on account of parents spending their hard-earned savings on children not fit for University Education. Sir, in the granting of exemptions from these rules, we give preference to backward communities. Muslims, Ezhavas, Pulayas and other backward communities which do not satisfy these rules are given exemption much more freely, much more radily, than the advanced communities. So, this problem of admission and how to safeguard the interests of all communities is a very difficult problem, because to admit all the Ezhavas, to admit all the Muslims and to admit all the Pulayas would mean throwing away a large number of brilliant students. With regard to the *viva voce* examination for admission to the Engineering College during the last two years, Mr. Mattheman who came from the Punjab was surprised to find the high quality of the students that appeared before him; and he, as an Englishman would be the first to protest if the Nair that comes up first or the Brahmin that comes up second in rank is to be thrown out in preference to the 18th or the 19th who happens to be a member of the backward communities. I should also be very much against the best students being thrown out for the sake of giving admission for students belonging to backward communities. It may be possible in one year to have one such community represented and in another year to have another such community represented in the admissions. But to say that every year there should be one sample of every community is most unfair and unworkable and a good deal of injustice will be done to the brilliant boys who come before us. So long as any proposal is made which does not prejudice the interests of the brilliant students who come for admission, I am prefectly willing to examine it.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: I do not press the motion.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion No. 229 (e.)

The following motion was, not moved:—

"To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 7,75,000 under Demand V by Rs. 5."

The question that a sum of Rs. 7,75,000 be granted under Demand V—Travancore University was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

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